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A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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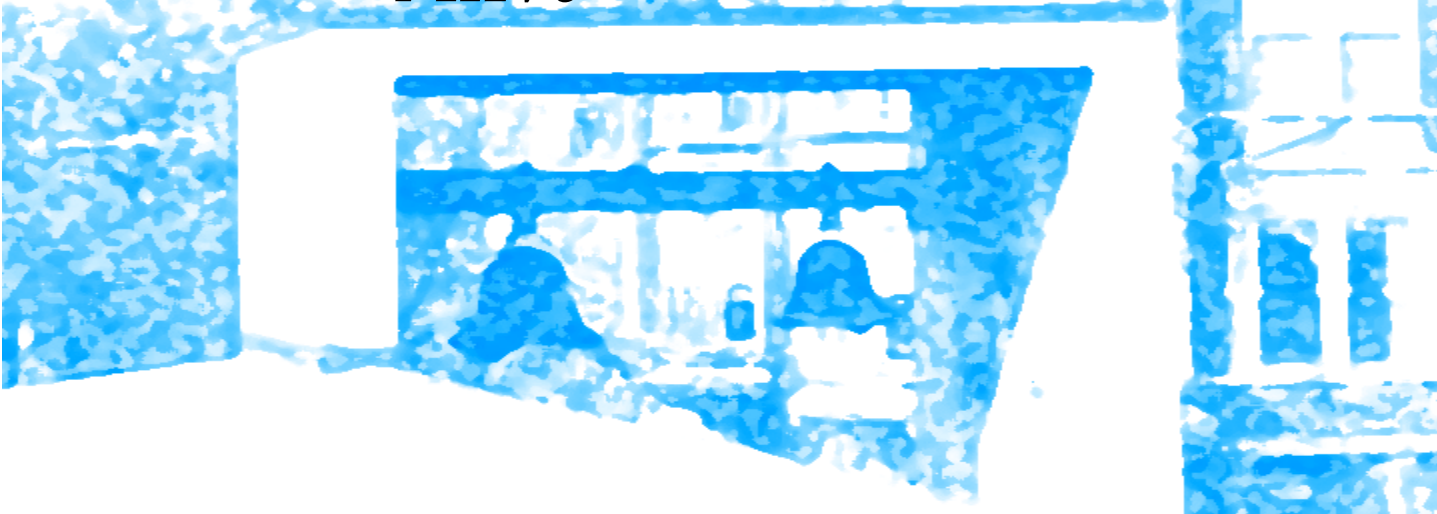
Chicago, IL 60614



April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

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“Blessed are those who have not
seen and have believed.”

— John 20:29b

Stewardship

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Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- Host hospitality after 9:00 am Mass: Hosts needed in April, May & June. Sign up at signup.com/go/BnYEHC
- Join the Welcoming Committee: Are you interested in greeting people on Sunday's, hosting a hospitality, giving tours of the church or helping with new member dinners? Email kmkutz@gmail.com for details.
- Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5pm-6pm. Register signup.com/go/NUtfbV.
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9am-12noon. Sign up at signup.com/go/nLVPbN
- Night Ministry: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at signup.com/go/gxXR2u.



Refugee Update

St. Teresa continues to help refugees and immigrants through our ministries.

Mentoring: A team continues to work with Toyuba, Noorbar and Shakir. St. Teresa has just begun to sponsor a new family from Syria. The family is moving into their new apartment in Albany Park, St. Teresa is donating the furniture and providing rent for the family for the first three months. For more info: margaretannmiles@gmail.com.

Job Placement: Have any job leads for refugees with varying levels of English and experience. Email Patrickfmurray@mac.com.

Supply drives: Two young refugee girls, a Congolese Catholic girl and a Syrian Muslim girl, have been accepted to Josephinum Academy. St. Teresa is sponsoring \$350 towards their registration fee, and will soon be looking to supply them with items required by the school such as a Chromebook and calculator. More details to come, email robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Save the Date: On Sunday, May 21st, following the 6:00 pm Mass, the refugee committee is hosting an event with a brief discussion of our new Syrian refugee family, followed by a screening of Oscar winning, *The White Helmets*, a 40-minute documentary about volunteer aid workers in Syria.

A Steward's Story

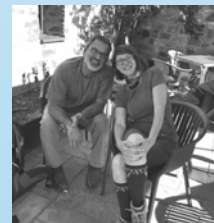
After hearing Father Frank suggest that instead of giving something up for Lent we should consider adding something, we decided to attend daily Mass each morning at 7:30 during Lent.

Participating in daily morning Mass has been different than attending Sunday Mass in subtle, but important ways. As with many new efforts, we are often forced to confront the seemingly unfamiliar. In some ways, this helps us see things in a new light that we have come to take for granted or had not even noticed before, due in part we suppose, to our tendency to default to auto-pilot, even while attending Mass. Walking a familiar path to church but at a new time of day, being in a quieter environment, sharing Mass with different people, all required that we do a familiar thing, but with new intention and purpose.

Daily morning Mass is sparsely, but as it turns out, faithfully attended. As newcomers to it, we met "regulars" who we came to know by name though our greetings and shared offerings. We looked forward to seeing them as a positive part of each new day that felt truly inclusive and celebratory.

This Lenten season, we rediscovered something that was there all the time, fellow parishioners who share each day as a community strengthened by their Faith and with a positive outlook for what lies ahead.

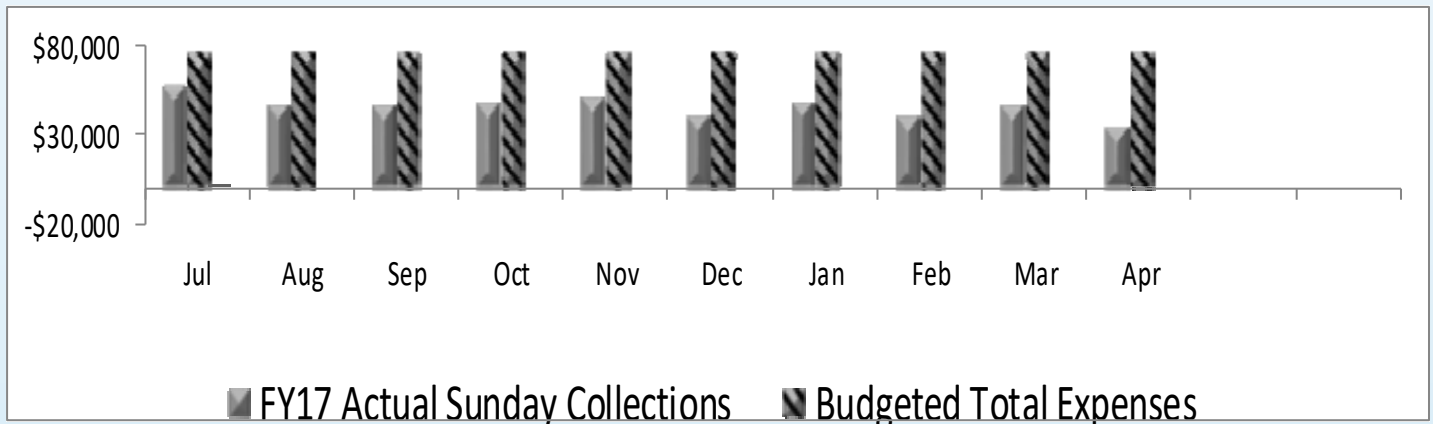
— Anastasia Bullinger and Paolo Basil



Share your story! Email robrien@stteresaparish.org

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

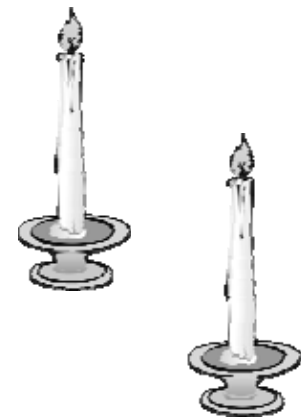
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income versus expense. Total income includes Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, fundraising and miscellaneous donations.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the goal of the Finance Council and Fr. Frank to increase weekly giving to meet ongoing expenses and to use the proceeds from fundraisers for special initiatives and outreach programs.
- This year, the Christmas Collection was \$33,580; the Greenery sale netted \$1,511.
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at mfernandez@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at jalden@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	4-2-17	4-9-17	4-16-17 Easter
Average Daily Mass Attendance	12	12	12
Average Friday Communion Service	5	5	5
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	66	58	150 ¹
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	60	-	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	220	280	600
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	50	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	125	160	220
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	180	180	30 ²
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	701	678	1,000
Confessions this Week	1	7*	25
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1	1	1
Funerals since January 2017	0	1	1
Weddings since January 2017	4	4	4
Baptisms since January 2017	3	3	6



* First Confessions ¹ 8:00 pm Easter Vigil ² French 5:00 pm Ester Sunday Mass

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 4-29-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Becky Francis	Jennifer Barrett	Veronique Caffrey Kari Richardson
Next French Mass Saturday 5-6-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 4-30-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Molly Malloy Jocelyn Lutkus Mary Joe Wise	Barb Schell Dean Vaeth Shannon Clinton Brian Shea
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 5-7-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jeremy Dixon, CM			
Sunday 4-30-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Luz Maria Santamarina	Alejandro Lopez	Alice Morales-Villenas Tyler Paul
Sunday 4-30-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Abby Greaney	Sara Hock Minister Needed (H3) Robert Martinez	Pete Doyle Daniel Cortese Colleen Sulewski Kevin Ludden

Sunday, April 23

- 8:00 am, GS, Pauline Books & Media
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, April 24

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, April 25

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, April 26

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, April 27

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, April 28

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 6:00 pm, REC-Church, SPRED Mass Practice
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, April 29

- 10:00 am, Church, CCFC Retreat
- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 5:00 pm, GS, Pauline Books & Media

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
- Monday:** Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Tuesday:** St. Mark
- Friday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis de Montfort
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Siena
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- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo de Pascua - Domingo de la Divina Misericordia
- Lunes:** Yom Ha-Shoa (memorial del holocausto)
- Martes:** San Marcos
- Viernes:** San Pedro Chanel; San Luis María de Montfort; Santa Catalina de Siena
- Sábado:**

May 2017, Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, May 6

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 20

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 27

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Sunday, April 23

9:00 am Jack Egan
12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased..

*Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko,
Joseph Kamalick, Anthony Mastro, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.,
Angel Luis Neris,
Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

April Baptisms

Adriana Marie Grigorescu (4-30-17) Elle Grace Fisher (4-30-17)

Baptism Remembrance Days

Monday April 24

Erin Markuson

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Jackson Fineske & Family
Alice Flynn
Padraig Gallagher
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon*

*Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Hoffman
David Ivanac
Chuck Jabaley
Ronald Jakubec
Krista Kutz
Liz Kunkel
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Palmira Mancini
George Maroquin
Jose Maroquin
Lisa Marquez*

*Margaret Sue Meadors
Daniel Meyer
Tracy Mirabella
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
John Paul Nelson
Angel Nieves
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Marie Koesters-Ranley
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero*

*Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Susan Violapiano
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert

For the intentions of prayer
cards; for survivors and perpetra-
tors of sexual abuse*

#prayforpeace

We continue to pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago between April 7th and 19th: *Arssennial Allen, Loren Flensburg, Byryon McKinney, Jr., Carlos Rosas, Shane Collier, Adam Salas, Eric Kellum, Donald Johnson, Dorian Phompkins, Alfonso Calderon, Jr., Raymond Myles (Cook County Judge), Keshawn Slaughter, Emmanuel Reid, Fontaine Sanders, Darian Cobbs, Tywan Anderson, and Kristopher Reed.*

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@sttereseparish.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Lecturas de la Semana

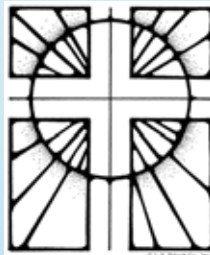
Lunes: Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Martes: 1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20
Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

Treasures from Tradition

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and harkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God’s presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ. — Rev. James Field,

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El 20 de abril de 1906 los ojos de una imagen de la Dolorosa comenzaron a parpadear durante un lapso de 15 minutos en el colegio jesuita San Gabriel, en Quito, Ecuador. En 1995 en Cochabamba, Bolivia, donde una imagen del Divino rostro lagrimó sangre y después, una imagen de la Inmaculada hizo lo mismo. En el transcurso del siglo veinte, muchísimas imágenes de Cristo, María e incluso, el Espíritu Santo, lloraron lágrimas de agua, sangre u óleo, emitieron aroma de rosa o mostraron alguna manifestación paranormal.

La ciencia logró explicar algunos de estos fenómenos, pero en muchos casos no fue posible. Normalmente, la jerarquía eclesiástica prefiere no hacer declaraciones oficiales al respecto, por lo menos, no antes de mucho escrutinio. El apóstol san Juan recomienda examinar cada espíritu (1 Juan 4:1-3) y esto es lo que la Iglesia hace con estas manifestaciones sobrenaturales. Con investigaciones científicas, sociales y espirituales se examinan cuidadosamente estas manifestaciones a fin de asegurar que provienen de Dios y no del diablo u otros orígenes. En fin, la mejor prueba de la veracidad de estos fenómenos es la conversión de los fieles. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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A Season of Joy

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Tiempo de Alegría

“Acudían asiduamente a escuchar las enseñanzas de los apóstoles, vivían en comunión fraterna y se congregaban para orar en común y celebrar la fracción del pan” (Hechos 2:42). La primera línea de la primera lectura de hoy marca la pauta al comenzar esta celebración de Pascua de cincuenta días. Hoy escuchamos las enseñanzas de tres apóstoles —Lucas, Pedro y Juan— que nos recuerdan que, aunque no hayamos visto a Cristo, estamos llenos de alegría al depositar nuestra creencia en su muerte y resurrección salvadoras. Cada semana durante el tiempo de Pascua nos reuniremos como comunidad de fe para hallar fuerzas y apoyo de nuestro Dios y de los demás. Cada semana nos reuniremos para fraccionar el pan y dar gracias en oración, acciones que manifestarán la mismísima presencia del Cristo resucitado entre nosotros. Estemos abiertos a los milagros de este tiempo de alegría. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y compartían todo cuanto tenían (Hechos 2:42-47).

Salmo — Den gracias a Dios porque es bueno, su amor es eterno (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos concedió renacer a la vida que esperamos por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos. (1 Pedro 1:3-9).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

Save the Date: May 21st Blood Drive

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Blood Drive
Sunday, May 21st, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

1950 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

In the Parish Center

Visit www.heartlandbc.org or call 1-800-786-4483 to schedule your appointment

Photo ID Needed — Drink Plenty of Fluids

Walk-ins are Welcome!



Refugee Ministry to Show Film

The Refugee Ministry invites you to learn more about the refugee crisis by attending a discussion and film viewing after the **6:00 pm mass, Sunday, May 21st.**

Please come to learn more about the new Syrian family St. Teresa is sponsoring and to watch the 2017 Short Documentary Award Winner, *The White Helmets*, which follows volunteer first responders who rescue victims from the rubble of air strikes against civilians in Syria. Drinks and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!



Coffee? Tea? Bible Study?

Join fellow St. Teresa members in studying the *Acts of the Apostles*, just down the street at Starbucks. Each study runs for nine weeks - join at any time.



Participants will be provided two books: the scripture and a workbook to respond to questions about the scripture. Pick a night and join the group!
All groups meet at Starbucks, 1001 W. Armitage Ave.

- Monday at 7:00 pm, leader Jackie Koesters
- Tuesday at 7:00 pm, leader Marisol Sarabia
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm, leader Karen Carpino

Questions? Email Jackie Koesters at jackiekoesters@gmail.com

SPRED Mass April 30th 12:00 PM

Pope John Paul II once said that “we are Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” Continuing in our season of Easter, St. Teresa’s SPRED group wants share the gift of our love for our community and invite you to our annual SPRED mass.

What is SPRED you may ask? SPRED stands for **SP**ecial **RE**ligious **D**evelopment which is an archdiocesan program ministering religious growth and development to our friends with special needs.

St. Teresa's SPRED program is for our friends from 11 to 16 years of age. St. Vincent De Paul and St. Josephat, are in our deanery and minister to friends of different age groups. Our mass uses music and interpretive movements to interpret the psalms, readings and the Gospel.

Please come join us for this beautiful and inspirational way to experience our Mass on April 30th at 12:00 pm.



Women's Spirituality April 25th

On Tuesday, April 25th, Women's Spirituality will meet at St. Teresa for an evening of quiet prayer, reflection and discussion in the Religious Education Center, Atrium III, at 7:30 pm.



Enter directly into Atrium III at the first door south of the main Parish Center on Kenmore Avenue.

Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.



PEACE & VIOLENCE in CHICAGO

WHAT CAN I DO?

Learn more about what's being done in Chicago to combat the growing problem of violence, and where you can plug in to the effort.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD | 6:30PM

ST. TERESA OF AVILA, 1950 N KENMORE AVE

Featuring Special Guest Speaker Tom Vanden Berk, plus Mix & Mingle with representatives from UCAN | Chicago Jesuit Academy | PEAK | UMOJA | Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund | G-PAC | Healing Corner | Chicago Survivors | Strengthening Chicago's Youth | Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and more.

Register & attend and St. Teresa of Avila will donate \$10 to the participating group of your choice.
Register today at st-teresa.net

light refreshments will be served



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Thomas C. Vanden Berk has devoted nearly 40 years to improving the lives of Chicago's children. In 1992, Tom suffered the loss of his 15-year-old son as a result of gun violence, and ultimately transformed his anguish into activism. Tom speaks on the subject of gun violence frequently. He has testified before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee and continues to work with Chicago's Mayor Rahm Emanuel toward the implementation of sensible gun laws in Chicago. Tom also served as a member of Governor Quinn's Illinois Anti-Violence Commission. Tom is CEO Emeritus of UCAN, a social service agency in Chicago, and the founder of G-PAC, formed to counter the political influence of the gun industry.

Mercy is a Verb

Today's readings are layered in revelation and instruction. They are lavish in praise and thanksgiving specifically for the gift of mercy that brings us to salvation. Each reading leads us to become less conscious of ourselves, and more conscious of God's mercy, collectively and individually. The messages of God's merciful redemption through Jesus, and Jesus's subsequent instruction to serve, is as alive and relevant now as it was in the apostles' day.

Upon receiving Christ's peace, the apostles paid it forward by living and preaching a reign of God that was inclusive and compassionate. The Acts reading illustrates an inclusive fellowship marked by faith sharing through the breaking of bread. These communal meals brought relief from physical hunger as well as the fulfillment of spiritual hunger, too. Then, as is still so often the case today, people were yearning for love, acceptance and a God in whom they could fully believe.

The street ministry of a priest friend comes to mind. Combining tough, inner city streets, my friend knows no stranger, as he daily ministers to the transient, unhoused, hurting and discarded individuals who wander his turf. His work is a hand up, rather than a hand out where everyone is treated with equal dignity. Indeed, breaking the Eucharistic bread, which he freely gives each week, has an equalizing effect. No longer sepa-



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rated by socioeconomic status or labels, all become one in Christ. My friend's work is not for the faint-hearted. When I've asked him if he ever gets discouraged, he simply defers to Christ's mercy.

Similarly, my friends serving within the Catholic Worker movement provide modest humanitarian aid to those traveling north across the U.S.-Mexico border. They regularly hand out lip balms, protein bars and bottled water to frightened and weary pilgrims. They have said "Yes" to God, "Yes" to Jesus's commands of love and to discipleship. Believing that they have received God's mercy and generosity by way of donated supplies, they pass it on with glad hearts. Likewise, other friends have taken it upon themselves to distribute blankets to their city's unsheltered who sleep on sidewalks and park benches.

These friends remind me that we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are meant to share the gifts bestowed upon us — and that is what these individuals do. For me, they exemplify that modern-day discipleship is perfectly feasible.

To live out the character of Christ is, among many things, to live in a state of thanksgiving for God's redemptive mercy. Today's psalm is clear in that respect. To walk this talk, however, is not accomplished by routine or hurried obligation, but with heartfelt sincerity and virtuous acts. I see this in my friends. They assume a personal responsibility to love and serve. Yet, as serious as their work is, they are among some of the most lighthearted individuals I know. They don't view themselves as special or what they do as a hardship. Nor do they see the people whom they serve as beneath them in any way. Ablaze with God's love and passion, they pass along the peace and love conferred to all through Christ.

Dictionaries describe mercy as a noun, something granted to another, something like compassion, or favor or blessing. The Bible describes mercy as a gift from God, one that is meant to be given to those who need it. Thus, it has utility and action. Establishing the abiding faithfulness of God, we are to circulate mercy, to pay it forward irrespective of deservedness.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Paolo Basil
Luke Kolman
Kate Lynch
Alex Lopez

Chris Parente
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Tom Micinski
Rebecca O'Brien

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Finance Council

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis

Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups
Cooper Cohen
Alexandra Vizard
Steve Kolinski

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is justin.alden@gmail.com

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil
Anastasia Bullinger
Kelly Dean
Lisa Marquez
John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien
Chris Parente
Mary Serrahn
Dan Summins
Mark Van Grinsven

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Transformation Committee

Marilyn Aleide
Paolo Basil
Rick Blair
Mark Buciak
Shannon & Jonathan Clinton
Michael Gallo
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Linda & Rob Harmer

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Our Mission Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people. We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

Help with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

For information about ...

Friday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)
Contact Kate in the Parish Office
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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
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Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm ⁺
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

⁺ First and third Saturdays, September through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

